REMARKS

The above amendment and these remarks are responsive to the Office Action of Examiner Thanh T Vu, dated 02/13/2003.

Specification

The Examiner has objected to a grammatical error in the Abstract, which applicant has corrected by this amendment. Applicant has also provided serial numbers for the related applications.

35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1-9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Dynamic HTML In Action, by William J. Pardi and Eric M. Schurman (hereafter, Pardi).

Applicants have amended claims 1-3 and 7-9, and canceled claim 6. Claims 4-5 depend from claim 3.

The Examiner refers to Chapter 4 of Pardi for its teaching of a navigation frame. As the Examiner notes with respect to original claim 1, "Chapter 4 of Pardi does

specifically teach a dynamic HTML used by a navigator responsive to user input to change data presented at saied screen in said side bar without having to communicate with a remote server." The Examiner then refers to Chapter 13, asserting the following:

"However, Chapter 13 teaches a dynamic HTML used by a navigator responsive to user input to change data presented at said screen in said side bar without having to communicate with a remote server... The outline expands and collapses without having to communicate with a remote server." [Office Action, page 2].

Applicants traverse this characterization of Pardi. Chapter 13 relates to the expanding and collapsing of outlines, true enough. However, an outline as described in Pardi is not a side bar, and there is no teaching in Pardi suggesting a side bar use for the outline described in Chapter 13.

Applicants have amended the independent claims to incorporate the limitations of claim 6.

With respect to claim 6, the Examiner states that Pardi Chapter 4 teaches communicating with a server responsive to selection of a target item tag. However, applicant observes, in Pardi Chapter 4, communication with the server is also required to refresh the side bar upon selection of any element in the side bar, not just the item tag.

This is a case where known principles are employed to deal with different problems. Applicants argue that when considering the claims as a whole, and not using applicants claims as a guide to piece together separate teachings of Pardi, there is no suggestion in Pardi of a side bar which expands and collapses on user selection without further communication with a remote server until the user selects an item from the expanded portion of the side bar.

Claims 1-3 and 7-9 have been amended to distinguish Pardi as discussed above with respect to claim 1. Claims s4 and 5 depend from claim 3. Claims 10 and 11 have been added as dependent claims of Claim 7. Claims 1-5 and 7-9, as amended herein, are thus distinguished from Pardi.

Applicant urges that claims 1-5 and 7-11 be allowed.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Applicants urge that the above amendments be entered and the case passed to issue with claims 1-5 and 7-11.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conversation with applicant(s) attorney could possibly facilitate prosecution of the case, he may be reached at the number noted below.

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